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LOOK THROUGH THE **CAMBRIDGE
NEWS** ARCHIVES AT SOME OF THE
STORIES FROM THIS DAY IN THE PAST

Mob tension on streets - 1985

COUNCIL chiefs are setting up an 'action squad' in a bid to defuse mounting mob tension on the streets of Cambridge following a violent clash outside the former Thake's cycle shop on East Road.

At a noisy meeting in the Guildhall, more than 100 youngsters spelled out a simple desperate plea: give us somewhere to meet.

Now the councillors will try to find a disused warehouse for them to convert into a late-night venue or set up an open house building that they could use during the day. The unemployed workers' centre could also be put to more intensive use.

More than 200 young people entered the Rob Roy pub in Chesterton Road to hold a late-night disco.

Sixty-five police prevented any more entering as toilet rolls, a chair and other pieces of furniture rained down.

As there were no lights on except for the disco light, and with a crowd in excess of 200, police decided it would be unsafe to enter and clear the building.

The pub had not been derelict but undergoing refurbishment and considerable damage was done to the upstairs room. It followed a confrontation with several hundred youths outside the former Thake's cycle shop in East Road.

Rowing Club's boathouse rebuilt after fire - 1984

After losing its boathouse in a spectacular fire 15 months ago, the Cambridge '99 Rowing Club is now celebrating the completion of its attractive replacement.

Fortunately, none of the club's eights were in the boathouse at the time of the fire. The club takes its name from the year it was founded and Banhams, the then well-known boat builders, supplied the first clinker eight in 1949 to mark their golden jubilee.

At the same time, they were the first local club to buy a new eight.

This has just been refurbished and is returning to the river looking nearly as handsome as it did in its heyday.

Future news might be on computers - 1980

Anyone who can afford it can now pick the brains of a central computer via Prestel, a specially adapted TV set connected to the telephone.

A remote control keypad enables it to dial up the local computer and access material stored in its memory which travels down the ordinary telephone line.

In the future, one might use on-screen displays to teach children, transmit newspaper-type material with a domestic print-out facility, exchange letters and conversations by text displays and vote in general and local elections.



Pics of road accidents to shock public - 1951

Shock the public and ask the Cambridge Daily News to publish photographs of road accidents as soon as they occur.

Putting this suggestion to the Cambs Road Safety and Accident Prevention Council Mrs T.R. Henn declared: "We have got to use more drastic measures in road safety. We must stir the imagination of the people of this country."

The chairman thought it a good idea, but the problem is, for the Cambridge Daily News to get the photographs,